



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 14, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MARCH

- Tue 3/15 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Wed 3/16 No Homework Night Fundraiser, Zendiggi
- Thu 3/17 –
- Fri 3/18 DMS Musical, DMS, 7pm
- Fri 3/18 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/25 Spirit Friday



APRIL

- Fri 4/1 Spirit Friday
- Fri 4/8 Spirit Friday
- Tue 4/12 COW Meeting, LLE, 5:30pm
- Fri 4/15 – Good Friday & Spring Recess – All Schools
- Fri 4/22 Closed
- Tue 4/26 Public Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Fri 4/29 Spirit Friday



MAY

- Thu 5/5 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Tue 5/10 COW & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Fri 5/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala

NOTEWORTHY



Musical tickets on sale **NOW!** And **No Homework Night Fundraiser** on **Wednesday!** Don't miss out!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com.



To access the PTO Directory and the Store, go to the App Store and download the **Membership Toolkit app**.



Stay up to date by visiting our website at www.demarestpto.org. Like us on **Facebook** at Demarest PTO and follow us on **Instagram** at demarestpto.

*Demarest Parent Teacher Organization
A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hey there Demarest Families, it's Monday again! What a beautiful start to the weekend, with Friday's gorgeous weather. Only to be followed by...SNOW! What can we say?!

Let's start with the week in review! The **DMS Book Fair** was **AMAZING!** Not a surprise, thanks to our awesome committee. The first **Family Day** was fantastic – so many people came out to support. We thank the **DPD** for their great treats and awesome contributions. BUT **Mr. Regan** and his rap performance, that could not be topped!! Here's to hoping we have some new book fair traditions.

Don't forget to join us on **Wednesday, 3/16** for our next **No Homework Night Fundraiser** at **Zendiggi** in **Closter!** See below for more info.

Keeping with DMS, the long-awaited production of **The Addams Family** is **FINALLY** here! Please join us on **Thursday** or **Friday** to see this super cool production. Get your tickets on **Membership Toolkit!** ***Masks are required** for the audience and attendance is not limited.

Even though we are looking at snow, we know spring is coming. What does that mean?! New clothes will be needed! Perfect timing because the **new Spirit Wear line** has dropped! Look super cute and support your school...sounds like a win-win! Details of the sale are listed below.

Don't miss out on your chance to participate in the return of **Demarest 5k**. This amazing event offers fun for the whole family, and many ways to support our schools. Please see below for the details on race registration and the awesome **Principals' Challenge** program. Can't wait to see you there!

The **PTO Spring Fundraiser** still needs your help. Consider helping out by donating an auction item. Maybe you have sports/theater tickets, experiences, restaurants, or super cool items. These could all make great auction items, and greatly contribute to raising funds for our schools. If you want to donate, volunteer, or have ideas/questions; please email us at springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week!

Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

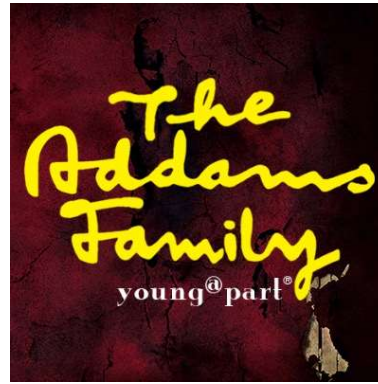
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ZENDIGGI



KEBAB HOUSE

Save the date! **Wednesday, 3/16** is our next **No Homework Night!** Order delicious Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food from **Zendiggi Kebab House** in **Closter** and help us raise funds for our schools. Lunch is available from **11am – 2pm**, dinner from **5pm – 8pm**. Don't forget to mention **Demarest PTO** at the time you please your order! Please note that all orders through Doordash will not count towards the fundraiser. You may order online directly on the website www.zendiggi.com and type in **Demarest PTO** under the special instructions.



Tickets are still **on sale** for **“The Addams Family”** at **Demarest Middle School!** Please join us on **Thursday, March 17** and **Friday, March 18**, as we enjoy an evening with that well known, mysterious, spooky, funny Addams Family. This musical

adaptation is fun for the whole family! The **DMS Drama Club** is so excited to be back on stage after two years. Tickets can be purchased in advance at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com. Tickets are **\$9.00** for **Members** and **\$10.00** for **non-Members**. All tickets **sold at the door** are **\$10.00**. Performances begin at **7:00pm** in the **Demarest Middle School Auditorium**, 568 Piermont Avenue. Please note that **masks will be required** for the audience. See you soon!! 🎵



DEMAREST APPAREL ORDER ONLINE AT: www.likewear.com/collections/demarest
See web site for sizing info. (sizing questions? Call Likewear at 973-535-5554)

Sale ends 3/23/22.
All items will be distributed at school approximately 3 weeks after the sale end date.
Please contact Gabriela (spiritwear@demarestpto.org) with questions.
All sales final. As everything is built to order, no returns or exchanges.

Demarest apparel custom designed and manufactured by Likewear. 22 E. 7th, Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ. www.likewear.com - wear what you like.

Get ready to show your school spirit by wearing our newest **Demarest Spring Spirit Wear** line. We have all new items. Sales are open now until **Wednesday, 3/23**. Items will be distributed at school approximately 3 weeks after the sale end date. Place your order now at www.likewear.com/collections/demarest. Thanks in advance for your support!

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

38TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k

run for your health

The **Principal's Challenge** starts in just THREE weeks!

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to have your children train for the **5k/One Mile Fun Run** with their Principals!

For more information and to register go to: www.demarest5k.org

Thank you to our **Principal's Challenge Title Sponsor:**



Coaches from **Global Sports Academy** will attend Principal's Challenge sessions to provide students with additional training and support!

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!

Demarest 5K Title Sponsor:



Gold Sponsors:



Silver Sponsors:



Bronze Sponsors:



Principal's Challenge Sponsors:



Demarest PTO needs your help!!! Have an **auction item to donate**? Big or small, all donations are invaluable! Please email us at: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.



Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting:

<http://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO>



Become a member for the 2021-2022 school year! Go to **Membership Toolkit** and register today! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Program, SACC (School-Aged Child Care), PTO Committee positions, and more. Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored events. Additionally, members can access our online directory of PTO member families. Be sure to purchase your membership today!



Don't miss out so you can help your grade/homeroom to win a prize!

Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors every **Friday** to get points for the week!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd



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Korean Storytime
한국어 스토리 타임

MONDAYS: FEBRUARY 28,
MARCH 28, APRIL 25,
MAY 23, JUNE 13
3:30 TO 4:00 PM

Join us at the train station for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer!

Online registration begins one month before each storytime. Masks are required.

Hebrew Storytime & Craft
שעת סיפור ויצירה

Wednesday, April 6 at 4:00 PM
at the Demarest Train Station

For children ages 4 and up and their families
Register online today:
bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

Join us at the Demarest Train Station on **Wednesday, 4/6 at 4:00pm** for Hebrew read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! We'll also be doing a fun craft to celebrate the springtime! Online registration is required.

Small Spaces Gardening
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
4pm to 5pm
DEMAREST TRAIN STATION

Learn how to prepare and build your backyard garden with safe, natural methods.

REGISTER AT:
bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest/SmallSpacesGardening



Demarest Free Public Library
90 Hardenburgh Ave.
Demarest, New Jersey 07627 | (201) 768-8714
demarestlibrary.org

Book Clubs: Join Ms. Cara for fun monthly book discussions! Pick up your copy of the book after registering online. Copies will be held at the library behind the front desk. You have a few weeks to read the book before we meet for our book discussion each month! Book Clubs are meeting virtually on Zoom as of now; please stay tuned for any updates! Book Clubs meet at 4:00pm on the following dates:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Book Club: April 5, May 3, May 31
- 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club: April 12, May 10, June 7
- 5th & 6th Grade Book Club: April 26, May 17, June 14

Makers Day: Celebrate Makers Day with us at the library on **Saturday, March 26!** Stop by anytime between **10:00am** and **12:00pm** to participate in some fun and educational STEAM activities.

Little Bookworms: Yoga Storytime (18 months to 5 years old): Join us at the train station on **Friday, April 1 at 10:30am** for a very special Yoga Storytime with the Bendy Bookworm! Sing silly songs! Learn silly yoga poses! And enjoy a read aloud story! Online registration is required.

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Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Teen Night: The Teen Advisory Board is hosting its kickoff event: a Teen Night at the library after hours! Teens are invited to join us from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** on **Friday, April 1** for a movie, pizza, games and prizes! Online registration is required.

Engineering Workshop (grades 2 to 6): Kids in grades 2 to 6 are invited to the Demarest Train Station for an engineering workshop on **Monday, April 11** at **3:30pm**. Design, create, test, and improve your prototype with Kerryann O'Connor. Online registration begins on Monday, March 21.

Crochet Club: Children ages 7 and up can learn how to crochet and work on their own beautiful creations with Ms. Michele! This club will meet at the Demarest Library in the children's section on **Thursday, April 7** and **Thursday, April 28** at **6:00pm**. For the first meeting, we ask that adults stay with children under the age of 10. Online registration is required.

Music with Miss Nita (ages 0 to 5): Join Miss Nita at the Demarest Train Station on **Friday, April 15** at **10:30am** for some singing, dancing and musical fun! This program is for children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Online registration is required and it begins on Friday, March 25.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming children's programs: www.demarestlibrary.org.

Register for programs via our online calendar: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest



The Demarest Athletic Association Rec **Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade** will be held on **Saturday, April 9th**. It is always a fun event, but it is an event that cannot be run unless we have some **volunteers** to help!

The DAA is now accepting registration for **2022 Spring T-Ball, Baseball, Softball**. Registration will be open on Demarest CommunityPass for Demarest residents now until 3/18. Please visit www.daarec.org for links to Demarest Community Pass and sign up.

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH BIKE SKILLS



Girls in Gear helps riders learn about themselves, their bikes, and their community.



Join us for an eight-week program for riders ages 9-12 who want to build confidence on and off their bikes.

**HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UPPER PARKING LOT
340 HOMANS AVE, CLOSTER
SATURDAYS AT 8:30AM
STARTING APRIL 9th**

**REGISTER
TO RIDE**

girlsingear.org

**\$25 for the season
Scholarships are available
Email info@girlsingear.org for more information**